

I can't believe this. 1st I tried to access Bureau of Indian Affairs docket ID "BIA 20130007" no luck! Then I tried Consultation @ bia.gov. "1076AF18" and e-mail would not go and now I am writing to Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs + Collaboration, US Dept. of the Interior

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Typical bureau mumbo jumbo. Tried looking everything up on Bureau of Indian Affairs and do you think I could find it after looking through 23 pages. You sure do know how to bury it so no one can respond.

This all started out back when Nancy Johnson wanted re election and of coarse the idiot Blumenthal got in on the band wagon as Atty General to win votes, so they managed to get the Bureau of Indian Affairs to overturn their decision to grant the Schaghticoke Indian Recognition. That was a terrible thing this Bureau did to them and whoever bowed to the pressure put on them by these politicians should be fired.

You had two idiot legislatures and local Kent politicians and some people with deep pockets that force the Bureau to revoke their decision to grant the Schaghticoke recognition which would then provide to the tribe federal monies to rebuild a tribe that has been taken down by our stupid government.

Its like all the other corruption that is going on now in this county. We are the laughing stock of the world with the corrupt leadership we have now we are no longer considered a world leader but have been demoted to a 3rd world power that everyone just laughs at.

You did the Schaghticoke wrong and now is the time to right your mistake and grant them recognition.

Half of all our government employees are nothing but puppets, get some balls and make a decision that sticks and grant them the recognition they deserve.

Thank you.

It has taken me 1 1/2 hours to do this because of all the miss information. This goes to show how screwed up our Gov. agencies are.

Peter Zguzenski

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RIBES: Rules changes raise local concerns

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the Schaghticoke had at the town, Kent School, 1917 and Poyer and 1918. The denial ap- 1919 have pilt to rest 27 years 1920 and lawsuits.

Jeffrey 1921, who has represented 1922 the Schaghticoke lawsuit 1923 years, told Adams that 1924 discussions in Washing- 1925 result in additional 1926 on the issue. He recom-

mended the town add \$30,000 to the legal fund, which was done in May at the annual budget meeting. The changes that Washburn pro- poses would relax the existing regu- lations, which have been in effect since 1981.

According to a press release from Washburn's office, the draft sug- gests changes to "improve timeli- ness and efficiency by providing for a thorough review of a petitioner's community and political authority." That review would begin with the year 1934 to align with the United

States repudiation of allotment and assimilation policies and eliminate the requirement that an external en- tity identify the group as Indian since 1900."

If a tribe can, prove that it has been a tribe and had a reservation since 1934, the proposed rules would grant them federal recogni- tion.

"The consequences of this for Connecticut would be devastating," according to the Kent School docu- ment. "Taken together, these tribal groups have filed or threatened land

claims to vast areas of Connecticut, perhaps as much as one-third or more of the state."

The land claims against Kent School would involve much of the campus along the west bank of the Housatonic River, just down the road from the Schaghticoke Reser- vation.

Comments on the changes are be- ing accepted by the federal agency until Aug. 16. To comment online, go to regulations.gov. The rule is listed under the agency name "Bis- reau of Indian Affairs" and Docket

ID "BIA20130007." Comments can be emailed to consultation@bia.gov. Include "1076AF18" in the subject line of the message.

For mail, comments should be sent to Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, U.S. Department of the Inte- rior, 1849 C Street NW, MS 4141, Washington, D.C. 20240. Include "1076AF18" or outside.

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Portraits of a family



Wolcott museum open following makeover

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WOLCOTT — The Old Schoolhouse, a Museum, home to hundreds of histor- ical artifacts that tell so- rries of Wolcott's past, has reopened after six months of repairs.

The museum, on Nichols Road in a schoolhouse built in 1871, closed last fall be-

its own schoolhouse, be- cause it was so hard to get from one side of town to the other," Goodman said. In the 1940s, the town started to build larger schools, and separated grade levels. Until 1959, Wolcott sent students to high school in Waterbury. At about the same time, the Wolcott His- torical Society acquired the